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Applicant : Satoshi Murakami, et al. Art Unit : 2814
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REPLY TO ACTION OF JUNE 5, 2003

In reply to the Office Action of June 5, 2003, Applicant submits the following remarks.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 19 being independent. Claims 14-18 have been withdrawn from consideration (applicant notes that the action erroneously indicates that claims 10-18 have been withdrawn and, based on this error, does not consider claims 10-13).

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 2-9 are directed to allowable subject.

Claim 1 has been rejected as being anticipated by Yamazaki. In making the rejection, the Examiner appears to contend that all of the features of claim 1 are disclosed in Yamazaki's Fig. 2I. For example, the Examiner contends that Yamazaki discloses "a first signal line 126 and a second signal line 127 that partially overlap the crystalline film with the insulating film interposing therebetween." However, elements 126 and 127 are not signal lines. Rather, they are a source region and a drain region, respectively (see col. 7, lines 54-56). Moreover, contrary to the Examiner's assertion, the regions 126 and 127 are not connected to one another by aluminum line/electrode 140.

Claim 19 also appears to have been rejected as being anticipated by Yamazaki. However, the action provides no indication as to where the claimed elements may be found in Yamazaki, and applicant has been unable to locate the claimed elements. In particular, Yamazaki does not appear to describe or suggest the pre-charge circuit recited in claim 19.

Applicant believes that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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